able to raise loans in foreign currency.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

X-Ray and ECG machine in Sewa Nagar CGHS dispensary

1190. SHRI K. G. MAHESHWARAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the X-Ray and ECG Machines in Sewa Nagar CGHS dispersary are out of order; and

(b) if so, since when and what are the details of the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) ECG Machine has since been got repaired and is in working order. X-Ray Machine is out of order since 1-9-90. The repair of the X-Ray Machine is being expedited.

Implementation of new education policy

1191. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken measures to implement the new education policy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose any changes in new education policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) After Nationa! Policy on Education (NPE) was adoptead by the Parliament in May, 1986, several steps were taken for its implementation in furtherance of its objectives. A number of new schemes were launched in key areas like Elementary Education including Operation Blackboard, Non-Formal Education, restructuring of Teacher Education, establishment of Navodaya Vidyalayas, Vocationalisation of Education, Science Education, Education Technology and Modernisation in the Higher and Technical Education sectors including removal of obsolescence. The Government have decided to resume the implementation of NPE with renewed vigour.

(c) and (d) The Government do not propose to make any fundamental change in the policy. However it has been decided to constitute a Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education to review the implementation of NPE taking into account the recommendations of the Committee for review of the National Policy on Education as well as the various developments that have taken place since NPE.

News item captioned "ban on exports of red sanders wood lifted"

1192. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE foe pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Statesman, Delhi dated the 4th July, 1991 entitled "Ban on exports of red sanders wood lifted" indicating that the deletion of conditionalty for the export of red sanders wood is likely to result in indiscriminate felling of long gestation red san-i ders trees for short term gains in foreign exchange in view of great demand for red sanders wood in musical instruments needing high resonance; and

(b) what safeguards are being contemplated in the trade policy being j framed by Government to reduce in-| discriminate felling arising out of relaxation, realisation of a minimum

export price in view of its low price elasticity and to encourage setting up fresh plantations of long-gestation period trees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE; OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Neither the Export Policy on Red Sanders Wood has been changed nor have **the** restrictions on export of Red Sander Wood been lifted. Its export is allowed 'On Merits' subject to the following conditions: —

(i) In respect of Red Sanders Wood from Andhra Pradesh, Certificate of Origin is to be issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests Andhra Pradesh. Certificate given *by* any other authority is not accepted;

(ii) In respect of Red Sanders Wood from Tamil Nadu, Certificate of Origin is to be issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Tamil Nadu, Certificate given by any other authority is not to be accepted.

Application are export of Red Sanders Wood i.e. processed Timber are considered by the Export Licensing Committee chaired by the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports.

(b) In view of the above, question does not arise.

Amalgamation of banks

1193. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amalgamate any bank during the current year; and

(b) if so, the details of proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) There is no proposal at present for amalgamation of any bank.

(b) Does not arise.

Bank advances outstanding: towards small scale industries

1194. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the outstanding advances of public sector banks to small scale industries as on the 29th March, 1991; and

(b) what measures are being taken to recover the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as per the provisional data compiled by them, the total outstanding advances by public sector banks to small scale industries as on 29th March, 1991 were Rs. 16,782.99 crores spread over 31.04 lakh borrowal accounts.

(b) The public sector banks have been instructed *by* **RBI** to review all borrowal accounts periodically, whenever conduct of an individual account reveals irregularities, steps are taken to regularise the advance and if they fail, loans are recalled and various measures taken to recover the dues including resorting to legal proceedings against the borrowers and the guarantors, if any.

Identification cn non-small scale industries units by banks

1195. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of non-small scale industries units identified by the banks during the years 1939, 1990 and 1991 so far;

(b) what is the outstanding bank credit against such units; and

(c) what measures have been taken to recover the dues?